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Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area (in acres)	4,860
Population (census, 1921)	11,516
Population (1927)	12,080
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	2,480
Number of Families (1921)	2,536
Rateable value (1927)	£60,410
Sum representing a penny rate	£210

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are railway work, mining, hosiery, iron and engineering work, upholstery, pencil manufacture, agriculture.

Vital Statistics.

Births { Legitimate, 221 / Illegitimate, 11 } Birth Rate	19
Deaths, 137 ; Death Rate	11.3
Number of women dying in consequence of Childbirth { from Sepsis ...	Nil
Number of women dying in consequence of Childbirth { other causes ...	Nil
Deaths of infants under one year, per 1,000 births— Legitimate, 12 ; Illegitimate, 1. Rate ...	56
Deaths from Measles	1
,, ,, Whooping Cough	1
,, ,, Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	Nil

General Provision of Health Services.

For Tuberculosis—Ransom Sanatorium provided by County Council.

For Fever Cases—We have arrangements with a neighbouring Authority.

For Smallpox—We maintain, with four other Districts, the Rushcliffe Hospital.

The General Hospitals of Nottingham are available for cases from the District.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

For infectious cases—provided by Fever Hospital.

For non-infectious cases—provided by St. John Ambulance.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Stapleford is under the control of the County Council, which also provides a Tuberculosis Dispensary and a Treatment Centre for Venereal Diseases, at Nottingham.

Public Health Officers of Local Authority.

The Medical Officer of Health (part time).
The Sanitary Inspector (whole time).

Professional Nursing in the Home.

No arrangement for this is made by the Local Authority, but District Nursing at Bramcote, Chilwell and part of Stapleford is done by a Nursing Association. The six Midwives practising in the area are not employed or subsidised by the Local Authority.

Sanitary Circumstances.

WATER.—At Stapleford, we have not unfortunately, made much apparent headway towards the provision of a better and a larger public water supply. I still think this is by far the most important consideration of the place. In addition to new houses, there have been large increases in some of the local factories, and I have no hesitation in saying that if we have at any time to contend with a long dry period, the present supply will prove seriously inadequate. The Nottingham Corporation are supplying, or will in the near future, be supplying water to Bramcote and Chilwell.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.	
Pail Closets (approximately)	1,135
Water Closets ,, ...	992
Privy Middens ,, ...	328

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Joint systematic inspections by M.O.H. and Sanitary Inspector	364
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector	86
Defects or nuisances discovered	40
Statutory Notices served	41
Notices complied with	41

Schools.

The condition of the elementary schools in the District is excellent on the whole, but this remark does not apply to the Bramcote School, where the Notts. Education Committee are responsible for the painting and interior cleaning, and the local Managers for the yard and drainage.

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year—	
Total	157
With State assistance :—	
(1) By Local Authority	44
(2) By other persons	108
UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.	
Inspection.—Number Inspected for housing defects	15
Number found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	15
Action under Statutory Powers—	
Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	51
Number rendered fit by owners	51
Proceedings under Public Health Acts	Nil

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

In the early part of the year there was an enormous number of Influenza cases, often accompanied by a serious type of Pneumonia.

Scarlet Fever was mainly mild in character. The arrangements for hospital treatment in suitable cases have worked smoothly.

Cases of Notifiable Disease in 1927.

Eucephalitis Lethargica	1
Tuberculosis	12
Pneumonia	30
Scarlet Fever	26
Erysipelas	7
Diphtheria	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Total ...	80

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality in 1927.

Age	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1				1				1
5								
15		4				2		
20		2			1			
25	1	2				3		
35		2						
45								
55					1			
Totals	1	10		1	2	5		1

Factory and Workshop Act.

Premises	Number of Inspections.	Number of Written Notices.	Number of Prosecutions.
Factories	16		
Workshops ...	14		
Workplaces ...	3		
Total ...	33		

DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars.	Number Found.	Number Remedied.	Number Referred to H.M. Inspector.
Insufficient means of escape in case of fire			
Unsuitable or insufficient Sanitary accommodation	2	2	
Total ...	2	2	

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